

(c) if so, the present position in this regard; and

(d) the time by which the regional office is likely to function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Regional Officers of FCI are located at State Headquarters of the major States. Since there is already a Regional Office at Guwahati, the need for additional office at Silchar is not felt.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Industries based on Agriculture

4398. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYA SADUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for setting up of large or medium industry based on agriculture in Solapur region of Maharashtra is under consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to send a team of officials to the region to find out the feasibility for setting up such industries during 1991-92 and 1992-93; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). Nine applications for setting up Sugar factories in Solapur region of Maharashtra are at various stages of processing in the Government. As a matter of policy, details of cases are not divulged till these are finally disposed of.

(c) and (d). No such proposal is under consideration.

Losses by Ramagundam Fertilizer Unit

4399. SHRIDATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ramagundam unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India has been incurring heavy losses;

(b) the amount of loss incurred by it during the last three years, year-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The losses incurred during the last three years by Ramagundam Unit FCI are as follows:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Losses (Rs. lakhs)</i>
1988-89	2680
1989-90	3994
1990-91	4619

The major reasons for losses of Ramagundam Unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India are:-

- i) *Deficiency in design.* It is a first generation coal based plant commissioned in 1980. From the very inception it has been suffering from design deficiency and equipment imbalances leading to heavy production and financial losses.
- ii) Besides this, there has been